

United States Court of Appeals
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

No. 25-5248

September Term, 2024

1:25-cv-01643-APM

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Vera Institute of Justice, et al.,

Appellants

v.

United States Department of Justice, et al.,

Appellees

BEFORE: Henderson, Wilkins, and Garcia, Circuit Judges

ORDER

Upon consideration of the emergency motion for injunction pending appeal, the opposition thereto, and the reply; the amicus brief, which is construed to contain a motion for leave to participate as amicus curiae; and the motion to expedite the case, it is

ORDERED that the motion for leave to participate as amicus curiae be granted. It is

FURTHER ORDERED that the emergency motion for injunction pending appeal be denied. Appellants have not satisfied the stringent requirements for an injunction pending appeal. See Winter v. Nat. Res. Def. Council, Inc., 555 U.S. 7, 20 (2008); D.C. Circuit Handbook of Practice and Internal Procedures 33 (2024). In particular, appellants have not substantiated their claims of irreparable harm. See, e.g., Wis. Gas Co. v. FERC, 758 F.2d 669, 674 (D.C. Cir. 1985) (per curiam). It is

FURTHER ORDERED that the motion to expedite be granted. The following briefing schedule will apply in this case:

Appellants' Brief	August 11, 2025
Appendix	August 11, 2025
Appellees' Brief	September 2, 2025
Appellants' Reply Brief	September 8, 2025

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The Clerk is directed to schedule this case for oral argument on the first appropriate date following the completion of briefing. The parties will be informed later of the date of oral argument and the composition of the merits panel.

Appellants should raise all issues and arguments in the opening brief. The court ordinarily will not consider issues and arguments raised for the first time in the reply brief.

To enhance the clarity of their briefs, the parties are urged to limit the use of abbreviations, including acronyms. While acronyms may be used for entities and statutes with widely recognized initials, briefs should not contain acronyms that are not widely known. See D.C. Circuit Handbook of Practice and Internal Procedures 43-44 (2024); Notice Regarding Use of Acronyms (D.C. Cir. Jan. 26, 2010).

Parties are strongly encouraged to hand deliver the paper copies of their briefs to the Clerk's office on the date due. Filing by mail may delay the processing of the brief. Additionally, counsel are reminded that if filing by mail, they must use a class of mail that is at least as expeditious as first-class mail. See Fed. R. App. P. 25(a). All briefs and appendices must contain the date that the case is scheduled for oral argument at the top of the cover. See D.C. Cir. Rule 28(a)(8).

Per Curiam

FOR THE COURT:

Clifton B. Cislak, Clerk

BY: /s/

Selena R. Gancasz
Deputy Clerk